

that opportunity in the absence of peace and unity.

The United States should continue to work closely with all sides in pursuit of the peaceful reunification of Cyprus that is so long overdue.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT PERCIASEPE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to honor Robert “Bob” Perciasepe, the Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA. Bob is a true public servant and dear friend who will be departing government service shortly. He has spent the past several decades protecting our environment and his work in this regard has been exemplary. The air we and our children and grandchildren breathe and the water we drink are cleaner because of Bob Perciasepe.

Bob graduated in 1974 from Cornell University with a bachelor of science degree in natural resources and then received his master’s degree in planning and public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. After Bob graduated from Syracuse, he began his career in public service with the Baltimore City Planning Department in 1976, eventually becoming the city’s assistant director for planning in 1986. Later, he served as the Maryland secretary of the environment. It was during his service in my home State of Maryland that I first had the opportunity to know and work with Bob, particularly as he worked on an issue near and dear to me—protecting the Chesapeake Bay.

Following Bob’s service in Maryland, he served President Bill Clinton in two different capacities at the EPA, first as the Assistant Administrator for Water and then as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation. In these positions, he continued his tireless work to improve the air we breathe and protect our drinking and recreational waters.

Bob was instrumental in working with us in Congress to pass the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act—a law that provided critical protection standards for drinking water. When he led the Office of Air and Radiation, he signed the first official finding that mercury pollution from our Nation’s power plants should be controlled.

Bob left government service but he didn’t stop working to protect human health and the environment. He went to work for the National Audubon Society, where he continued to champion conservation and environmental progress. When Barack Obama became President in 2009, Bob returned to Federal service as the EPA’s Deputy Administrator and served as Acting Administrator between the tenures of Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy.

Bob’s dedication to public service and his practical approach to problem-

solving were evident from my first interactions with him. His fun-loving nature, intellectual capacity, and devotion to duty make him an exemplary public servant. We all breathe easier—literally—because of Bob Perciasepe, so I wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for his service and congratulate him on his countless contributions to protecting our Nation’s environment during his long tenure at EPA. I have no doubt that Bob will maintain his untiring commitment to the betterment of the environment in his next venture, and I wish him all the best.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 76) making an emergency supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to provide funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats, and further that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the aforementioned joint resolution.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 3548. An act to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, elec-

trical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

H.R. 4360. An act to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the “Jason Crisp Forest Service Building”.

H.R. 4631. An act to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4838. An act to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the “William H. Gray III 30th Street Station”.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on August 4, 2014 by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

#### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOLF) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1671. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”.

H.R. 2291. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue, in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”.

H.R. 3472. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gorniewicz Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 3765. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4386. An act to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to rely on State examinations for certain financial institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5195. An act to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 76. Joint resolution making an emergency supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to provide funding to Israel for the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed on August 4, 2014, during the recess of the Senate by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: